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In re Application of:

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MODIFICATION OF COLOR  
VALUES IN PAGE DESCRIPTION  
FILES

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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

**Status of the Application:**

The Office Action dated October 18, 2006, has been received and reviewed by the applicant. Claims 1-27, 29-33, 35-39 and 41-50 are in the application. Claims 1-27, 29-33, 35-39, and 41-50 stand rejected. Reconsideration is respectfully solicited.

**General Background of the Invention:**

When a page description language (PDL) file is to be applied to an output device such as a display or printer, the file is first converted to a bitmapped pixel image by a raster image processor (RIP). It is often desirable to modify color values within the PDL file before the file is presented to the RIP so that device-dependent color deviations are compensated for and the output device accurately reproduces the image.

However, the content of a PDL file is not conducive to color modification because of the presence of implicit color commands. When color